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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	pplication of:	
Aki	ra ISHIBASHI et al.	Group Art Unit: 1713
Applica	ation No.: 09/210,539	Examiner: K. C. Egwim
Filed:	December 14, 1998	
For:	FORMED ARTICLE OF BIODEGRADABLE RESIN	) )
P.O. E	issioner for Patents Box 1450 ndria, VA 22313-1450	

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

Applicant encloses a petition for a 2 month extension of time to file a submission in furtherance of the Notice Of Appeal dated January 6, 2004. The fee of \$420.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate		itional ee
Total	10	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$	0.00
Indep.	3	-	3	0	x \$ 86		0.00
☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$290							0.00
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Reduction by ½ if small entity							0.00
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	Reduction by ½ if small entity	-	0.00			
	TOTAL	\$	0.00			
	A fee of \$[Fee] to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this repl	ly i	s enclosed.			
$\boxtimes$	A fee of \$770.00 to cover a Request for Continued Examination is enclosed.					
$\boxtimes$	A check for \$1190.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-09						

Dated: May 6, 2004

Barry D. Biddle Reg. No. 44,033